during the last three years, year-wise; and

(e) what was the price of bulk drug on which these formulations were based earlier and on what price of bulk drug they have been fixed w.e.f. 26th July, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (c) Govt. have fixed the ceiling prices of certain formulations based on bulk drugs Dexamethasone and its salts on 13-7-1989 and not on 26-7-1989. The requisite details, to the extent available with the Govt., are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CLIII, Annexure No. 71].

(d) Govt. do not monitor production of formulations.

(e) While fixing the prices of formulations in July, 1989, the price of bulk drug Dexamethasone Pure and Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate was taken at Rs. 66.51 and Rs. 80.80 per gm. respectively.

Availability of medicines in the CGHS Dispensaries

1630. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing rules for meeting the contingency of non-availability of medicines in the CGHS dispensaries;

(b) whether Government are aware that with the present system of indenting, the patients suffer upto a week of even more due to non-availability of medicines; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet this situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) to (c) All medicines included in the formulary are stocked in the dispensaries. However, in the event of non-availability of any medicine the same is indented from Super Bazar|local Chemist & supplied to the beneficiary in 2-3 days. In case of emergency, authority slip is given to the beneficiary to procure the medicine from Super Bazar|Local Chemist without any payment.

Encouraging Unani system of medicines

1631. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that adequate steps have not been taken by Government for encouraging and promoting Unani system in the country especially in the CGHS;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Unani sytem has been discouraged during the last few years by heavily curtailing the formulay of Unani medicines in CGHS dispensaries, by not appointing any Chief Medical Officer or Specialist in the system, by not introducing the indenting system, by not purchasing the medicines from reputed Unani institutes such as Hamdard Dawakhana and Tibbiya College, Aligarh, and by not developing any fool-proof testing methodology for identyfying genuine drugs and eliminating spurious ones; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The formulary of Unani Medicine is reviewed every year by a formulary committee and addition|deletions of various medicines is done keeping in view the demand of CGHS beneficiaries. A post of Deputy Advisor (Unani) already exists. Indenting system also exists for Unani medicines in CGHS. Unani Medicines are procured from I.M.P.C.L. (a Government of India undertaking) and organisation under Delhi Administration (Hindustani Dawakhana) as per policy of the Government. In the event of non supply from the above firms, orders are